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IN RE APPLICATION OF: JEFFREY L. MACKEY ET AL.
APPLICATION No.: 10/684,794
FILED: OCTOBER 14, 2003
FOR: **METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR
CONTROLLING RADIATION BEAM
CHARACTERISTICS FOR
MICROLITHOGRAPHIC PROCESSING**

EXAMINER: HUNG NGUYEN
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Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

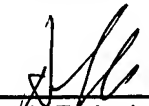
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Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability mailed January 14, 2005, the Examiner allowed claims 2-15, 17-29, 31-40 and 42-49. Although the applicants' attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the applicants' attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner in the Office Action dated September 21, 2004, and does not concede that the Examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

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